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KEYWORD

PRIVATE REGIONAL BIOHAZARD CONTAINMENT UNIT

OPERATION T-A.L.O.S.

Four years after the destruction of Raccoon City, former S.T.A.R.S. members Chris Redfield and Jill Valentine joined the Private Regional Biohazard Containment Unit (B.C.U.), a civilian organization sworn to oppose bioterror in all corners of the globe. Unlike Umbrella's biohazard containment unit, the U.B.C.S. – whose true mission was to gather data in biohazard outbreak zones – the B.C.U's goal was the complete eradication of all bioterror. It was made up of a small team of elite civilians packing military-grade weaponry.

In February 2003, the B.C.U. received a report that Umbrella's Russian branch was developing a new type of B.O.W., and Chris and Jill joined the operation to stop them. The small unit descended on the facility in two Mil Mi-24 attack helicopters, planning to infiltrate the research center and destroy the new B.O.W. This operation was later referred to as Operation T-A.L.O.S.

On the day of the operation, Chris and Jill arrived at the location, only to discover that a biohazard had broken out on level four of the research facility, killing 90% of the researchers there. It was the worst case scenario: The chance of survival in the infected atmosphere was less than 2%.

The facility had been built to develop the humanoid B.O.W. "Talos," a new type of Tyrant controlled remotely via computer. It was a very different concept from the Nemesis T-Type, which used a Nemesis parasite to bestow intelligence on a mass-produced Tyrant body. The project's director was an Umbrella executive in Spencer's inner circle, Colonel Sergei Vladimir. Chris and Jill knew that if they could defeat him, they would be nipping Umbrella's resurrection in the bud

Ironically, Wesker had showed up at the same time for exactly that purpose. He succeeded in killing Sergei, and made off with the Umbrella data stored in the U.M.F.-013 computer.

Fortunately, the ends were the same either way. That same year, Wesker leaked the data he had acquired to the government, which lead directly to Umbrella's loss in the Raccoon Trials. Five years after the Mansion Incident, Umbrella was officially dead.

Chris and Jill had accomplished their first objective – the fall of Umbrella – but the real battle was still to come. Spencer, the man behind everything, had disappeared, and needed to be brought to justice – as did their mortal enemy, Wesker.

BSAA

THE BIRTH OF THE BSAA

The fall of Umbrella gave birth to the rise of worldwide bioterror. Fearing that they would be held accountable for the new catastrophe, the Global Pharmaceutical Consortum pooled their resources to form the anti-bioterror unit, the BSAA (Bioterrorism Security Assessment Alliance). The organization had eleven members at the time of its founding. Chris and Jill, their skills honed from their time with the B.C.U., were among these honored "Original Eleven."

When they were first formed, the BSAA was a civilian organization limited to the role of observers in anti-terror actions by army and police units around the globe. However, as the threat of bioterror grew, it was clear that they needed greater flexibility. Eventually, they were reorganized as a true special forces unit under the U.N.'s jurisdiction.

As a public body, they now had the authority in sovereign nations to use force when conducting investigations and making arrests. They had full authority to act within the seventy percent of U.N. member nations that ratified their formation, and the remaining countries authorized their presence on a conditional basis.

Though the BSAA is under the direct control of the U.N., its member nations do not provide all the funding necessary to keep it running. As a result, the modern BSAA still relies on donations from the Global Pharmaceutical Consortium. Many criticisms have been leveled at the BSAA due to the conflict of interest created by this status quo.

The BSAA is managed by the Bioterrorism Assessment Committee, established by the European Headquarters and housed in England to be the organization's decision-making body. The committee gives directives to each of the organization's eight worldwide branches, which cover nearly all regions of the world. Each branch has its own headquarters close to a hub airport or military air base, allowing them to dispatch a unit into any area within their jurisdiction in under 12 hours. Depending on the circumstance, several branches might even collaborate on a mission in the same region.

ORGANIZATION MAP

EUROPEAN BRANCH:
Europe, including western Russian

SOUTH AMERICAN BRANCH:
The entire South American continent

FAR EAST BRANCH:
The region of Asia east of India, including eastern Russia

MIDDLE EAST BRANCH:
The middle east including parts of Africa

WEST AFRICAN BRANCH:
The western half of the African continent

OCEANIAN BRANCH(*):
The Oceanian region, centering around Australia

NORTH AMERICAN BRANCH:
The entire North American continent

EAST AFRICAN BRANCH:
The eastern half of the African continent

*Antarctica, home to the Umbrella Antarctic Research Facility, is also under the jurisdiction of the Oceanian Branch.

UMBRELLA AFRICA RESEARCH CENTER

In 1968, Spencer proposed to Marcus and Ashford the idea of starting a company as a cover for their viral research. This would was the birth of Umbrella Pharmaceutical, Inc. With Progenitor research still stalled, Marcus took Spencer's invitation to start his research anew under Umbrella's auspices. He expected to return to Africa to resume his Progenitor Virus research, but Spencer transferred him instead to head up the newly Umbrella Management Training Facility in Raccoon City. Marcus was upset that he wouldn't be able to participate in the Progenitor research himself, but reluctantly agreed when he was told that his best student, Bailey, would be taking charge in his place.

When Bailey returned to Africa, he found that armed soldiers had driven the Ndipaya Tribe from the ruins, and the new African Research Center was already under construction. Bailey supervised the continued construction of the center, and soon expanded its scale to three times the original plan. The expansion proceeded so hastily that the workers accidentally redirected the Progenitor Flowers' water source. Fortunately, the construction supervisor discovered an underground river 500 meters below, and used the latest pump system from the Fabiano company to restore a constant supply of water to the "flower bed."

In June of 1969, the Umbrella Africa Research Center was officially established as the front line in the study of the Progenitor Virus. Bailey took office as facility director, and lost no time in sending samples to Marcus at the Umbrella Management Training Facility, hoping for his honored teacher's success. Marcus threw himself into Progenitor research once more, determined to regain the respect he deserved as one of Umbrella's founding members.

Ten years passed. In January 1978, Marcus successfully combined leech DNA with the Progenitor Virus, creating the T-Virus that would become the basis for all B.O.W. development to come. What Marcus didn't know, however, was that this had been Spencer's plan all along. He had manipulated Marcus's desire to prove himself with his research, exploited his bond with Bailey, then waited patiently for his machinations to bear fruit in the form of a new breed of virus.

The T-Virus was perfected in 1988, and with that, Marcus's usefulness came to an end. Spencer sent his right-hand-men, management candidates Albert Wesker and William Birkin, to dispose of him.

Following Marcus's assassination, Spencer restricted research on the Progenitor Virus to its cultivation grounds in Africa, tightly regulating all information about it. In his own words, "when one buries a treasure, one should not leave behind a map." Only a handful of executives with level 10 access even knew the location of the Research Center. Employees transferred from the center were kept under close supervision, and director Bailey himself was a virtual prisoner there for almost thirty years.

Spencer kept the facility's whereabouts such a close secret that even after its closure in 1998, it remained completely untouched until the corporate conglomerate Tricell came in search of it.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE BSAA

There are two types of operatives in the BSAA: SOU (Special Operations Units) which operate in teams, and SOA (Special Operations Agents) which typically operate in two-man cells.

SOU are usually made up of combat professionals sanctioned to infiltrate an area, engage in combat, and subdue offenders. Many SOU come from the special units of their respective nation's law enforcement bodies, or have previous military experience themselves. They're usually broken up into teams of twelve. The makeup of these teams is flexible; depending on the mission, they can be broken up into three teams of four, or mixed with other teams for a more diverse range of abilities.

SOA are specialists, used for investigations and espionage, and are often referred to simply as "Agents." Agents are chosen not only for their skill, but also for their psychological suitability and adaptability in all situations. Some agents, such as Chris, are given Level 10 clearance, which grants them the right to aid in missions executed in any BSAA branch.

In 2009, the BSAA held a joint operation between the West African and North American branches in the Kijuju Autonomous Zone. The SOA for the mission were North American Branch agent Chris and West African Branch agent Sheva Alomar, who formed a two-man cell known as Bravo Team. The SOU consisted of Alpha Team on point, led by Dan DeChant, and Delta Team on backup, led by Josh Stone. The large-scale operation also included aerial support from Kirk Mathison, driving support from Dave Johnson, and pre-mission infiltration from agent Reynard Fisher.

JILL VALENTINE

Age: 33 (*If still alive)
Affiliation: NA Branch
Position: SOA (Special Operations Agent)
Experience: S.T.A.R.S. (Raccoon City special forces unit)
Private Regional Biohazard Containment Unit
*Pronounced dead on November 23, 2006

CHRIS REDFIELD

Age: 35
Affiliation: NA Branch
Position: SOA (Special Operations Agent)
Experience: U.S. Air Force
S.T.A.R.S. (Raccoon City special forces unit)
Private Regional Biohazard Containment Unit

SHEVA ALOMAR

Age: 23
Affiliation: West African Branch
Position: SOA (Special Operations Agent)
Experience: Classified due to protection program

DAN DECHANT:

Age: 53
Affiliation: West African Branch
Position: SOU
(Special Operations Unit)

JOSH STONE

Age: 35
Affiliation: West African Branch
Position: SOU
(Special Operations Unit)

DAVE JOHNSON

Age: 27
Affiliation: West African Branch
Position: SOU
(Special Operations Unit)

KIRK MATHISON

Age: 28
Affiliation: West African Branch
Position: Helicopter Pilot

REYNARD FISHER

Age: 35
Affiliation: West African Branch
Position: Secret Agent

UMBRELLA

STAIRWAY TO THE SUN

The motto of Umbrella Pharmaceutical, Inc. was "preserving the health of the people." Beneath its wholesome public image, however, Umbrella masked a darker purpose: the unlawful development of viruses and B.O.W.s (Bio-Organic Weapons). The massive international corporation was officially established in 1968, but the reason for its establishment goes back almost a hundred years earlier, to the mid-19th century.

During this time period, newspaper headlines told tales of intrepid explorers making expeditions into Africa. Henry Travis, a member of the prosperous mercantile company Travis Trading, took it upon himself to follow in their footsteps, and used his family's money to fund his own expedition to the continent. He published an account of his journey in a 72-volume encyclopedia entitled "Survey of Natural History," but his meticulously detailed reports were dismissed as the product of pure creative license. In the end, only a few copies of the set were ever published, to be sold as a mere novelty.

In the decades that followed, the Survey of Natural History was preserved for its aesthetic value among a small set of passionate collectors. Before long, it found new appreciation in the hands of Ozwell E. Spencer, a member of a powerful noble family and later founder of Umbrella. Spencer took interest in the book's description of regional folkloric customs, particularly the rituals of the Ndipaya Tribe; they were said to possess a flower, known as the "Stairway to the Sun," which bestowed great power on those who consumed it.

In order to learn more about this mysterious flower, Spencer headed an expedition to Africa in 1966, alongside virologist James Marcus and his fellow nobleman Edward Ashford. Using the descriptions provided in the Survey of Natural History, they searched out the Ndipaya Tribe's land and eventually found the ancient ruin where the the Stairway to the Sun grew. Within the ruin they found a sacred chamber, the only place where the flowers would grow. The chamber was known as "The Sun Garden."

Research on the Stairway to the Sun was carried out primarily by Marcus and his pupil, head researcher Brandon Bailey. Those early days were brutal ones: The small group was forced to fend off constant attacks by the garden's rightful owners, the Ndipaya, with no guarantee that their research would even lead anywhere. In that harsh environment, even Marcus began fraying at the edges.

Then at last, three months into their research, it all paid off. Just as Marcus had theorized, the flower carried in its blossoms a previously undiscovered virus that could recombine an organism's genetic code. They called the virus "Progenitor," and so named the flower "Progenitor Flower." Marcus quickly had the flowers brought back to his own laboratory back home.

Marcus wanted to throw himself into the Progenitor research, but he immediately hit an unexpected wall: the flowers cultivated in the laboratory did not produce the Progenitor Virus! Even when the environment was adjusted to match the conditions of the African chamber – water, soil, temperature, humidity, sunlight – the blossoms still did not produce the virus. Marcus quickly exhausted the supply of the virus he had brought back from Africa , and a year passed by with no useful results.

JILL'S DEATH

After the Mansion Incident, Chris and Jill left S.T.A.R.S. and joined up with the Private Regional Biohazard Containment Unit in the global fight against bioterror. They traveled the world on various missions, then became agents with the North American Branch of the newly-formed BSAA. Their wealth of experience in bioterror incidents gave them the knowledge they needed to participate as observers in various anti-terrorist operations. As members of the "Original Eleven," their skills were in great demand, and the members of their units trusted them greatly.

Tragedy struck in August 2006 when the duo infiltrated Spencer's mansion, hoping to arrest him and finally close the book on the destruction of Raccoon City. The old estate inspired flashbacks to the original Mansion Incident, and they eventually made their way through it to Spencer's study, only to find Wesker waiting for them there. Chris and Jill worked together to face him, but Wesker's superhuman power was too much for them to handle. Jill sacrificed her life to save Chris, grabbing Wesker and dragging him off the cliff to the rocks below. Wesker and Jill's bodies were never found, and after a three month investigation, the BSAA had no choice but to declare Jill dead in the line of duty.

HMMWV "GAMBIT"

A four wheel drive all-terrain vehicle, used to transport the BSAA's SOU. It can carry up to six soldiers at a time. A highly versatile machine, its weapons and armaments can be changed to suit the mission and environment it's used in. Variations include a snorkel-equipped truck bed, a covered truck bed, and a smoke discharger. The vehicle's superior durability and horsepower make it well-suited to anti-bioterror activities in even the most extreme climates. During the incident in the Kijuju Autnomous Zone, former international rally car champ Dave Johnson used the vehicle to showcase his incredible driving skill on the unpaved roads of the savanna.

THE DESTRUCTION OF RACCOON CITY

Disaster struck Umbrella in July 1998. The T-Virus was unleashed from the Umbrella Management Training Facility in the Arklay Mountains and ran rampant in the forest surrounding Raccoon City. The man responsible for the outbreak was James Marcus. Although assassinated back in 1988, he was brought back from the dead by a leech construct he had created with the T-Virus, and had come to take revenge on Umbrella for stealing his research.

Later, in September of 1998, bugs and small mammals carried a new outbreak of the T-Virus into Raccoon City itself. Its citizens were nearly all transformed into zombies, and the few who remained uninfected were caught in a desperate situation with little hope of escape. The city's law enforcement was destroyed, and when Umbrella sent their own U.B.C.S. (Umbrella Biohazard Countermeasure Service) to look for survivors, they too were eliminated. In the end, the American government was forced to declare martial law in the city.

In October 1998, there could be no further denying the gravity of the situation, and congress approved the "sterilization" of Raccoon City. The military launched a strategic missile into the center of the city, destroying the infected and the virus in one fell swoop. This plan resulted in the successful containment of the outbreak, but many considered the sacrifice of 100,000 lives too high a price to pay.

Following the sterilization, the government promptly ordered a suspension of business decree to Umbrella, whom they deemed responsible for the incident. In protest, Umbrella's president Spencer assembled a top legal defense team and filed a lawsuit against the government. The subsequent "Raccoon Trials" called into question the testimony of the survivors, claiming that the government had coerced them into slandering Umbrella, and that the sterilization plan was a government plot to destroy evidence of their own involvement. Just as Spencer planned, the conspiracy theory took hold.

Nevertheless, as the years went on, Umbrella began to lose ground in the legal battle. The final blow came in 2003 following a biohazard outbreak in Russia's Caucasus region. An anonymous source sent the government classified data from Umbrella's computers proving that they were the ones behind Raccoon City. In spite of all of Spencer's machinations, Umbrella's lawsuit was dismissed.

Umbrella's stock prices plummeted in the wake of the ruling, and consumers lost complete faith in their brand. In the end, the company was forced to declare bankruptcy.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ABOUT THE FALL OF UMBRELLA

Domestic Branch of Umbrella to Dissolve

TOKYO, JAPAN: Today, the Japanese branch of multinational corporation Umbrella Pharmaceutical Incorporated announced its dissolution and began liquidating assets. Its parent company declared bankruptcy earlier this week.

Umbrella established its Japanese branch in 1984 for the initial purpose of importing pharmaceuticals developed in America. In 1987, it completed the Umbrella Japan Research Center, which used biotechnology to pursue independent research and pharmaceutical development.

Umbrella's stocks had been on the decline following accusations regarding the 1998 "Raccoon City Tragedy," and the blow to public image has caused its sales to stagnate. With Umbrella recently found liable in numerous lawsuits filed against them in the wake of that same tragedy, the company was forced to declare bankruptcy.

The Japanese branch of the company has been looking for new sources of funding in recent weeks, but received no offers from pharmaceutical or other companies at home or abroad. The decision to close was made in light of this fact.

(Excerpt from a certain newspaper's morning edition, 3/15/2004)

COLLAPSE OF SUBSIDIARY UMBRELLA JAPAN

Memo regarding corporate liquidation (3/14/2004)

This is a memo to inform you of the decision made at the March 10th meeting of the board of directors. We have decided to dissolve our company in the wake of the bankruptcy declared by our parent company, Umbrella.

We recognize the hard work by all of our employees to keep our venture profitable, but with the stagnation of our sales following the 1998 incident in Raccoon City, USA, and our mother company being declared liable in numerous lawsuits, we have deemed it impossible to continue production.

We have been searching diligently for a new parent company to which we might transfer our projects, but our efforts have proved fruitless. We have no choice but to close our doors.

Liquidation of company assets will be handled by Akitaka Igurashi (former Umbrella Japan managing director).

Allow me to take one last time to thank you for all your hard work and support of our company to the end.

Umbrella Japan, Inc.

Managing Director Akitaka Igurashi

THE CULT OF LOS ILLUMINADOS

THE KIDNAPPING OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER

In 2004, Leon was given his latest assignment as a U.S. Agent: bodyguard to the President's daughter, Ashley Graham. The government had analyzed his experience, mental state, and experiences in detail, and judged him a suitable bodyguard for a VIP of her caliber.

Leon had just finished his special training and was about to begin the assignment, when Ashley, on her way back home from school in Massachusetts, was abducted by a mysterious organization. The government initially meant to send out a large-scale search-and-rescue team, but fears of leaks in the intelligence department forced them to send Leon on a discreet solo mission instead.

An eyewitness report led him immediately to Europe, and then to a small, backwater village. It was there that Leon encountered an enemy unlike anything he had seen before. They were the "Ganados" – human-like, inhuman creatures under the control of the parasitic "Plagas."

The man who controlled the Ganados was the village chief, Bitores Mendez, who, in turn, received directions from Osmund Saddler. Saddler was the high priest of a local folk religion known as the Cult of Los Illuminados, and the Ganados were really villagers that Saddler implanted with Plagas long ago in a ritual known as "the cleansing of the blood."

Saddler's aim was to take control of the world by spreading his cult's influence into every sector of public and private life. The legislatures, the courts, the military, big business – he wished to "cleanse" each of them in turn, beginning with the leadership of the American empire.

HOUSE OF SALAZAR

The town of Pueblo, now a nest for Ganados, had once been a tranquil farming village. The villagers were happy and peaceful, and celebrated their prosperity with a yearly harvest festival.

Their happiness was the result of the vigilance of the local authorities, the Salazar castellans, in keeping the Los Illuminados cult at bay. That protection was broken, however, when Saddler manipulated the young eighth castellan, Ramon Salazar, into turning the village over to him. Ramon was completely devoted to Saddler, and unsealed the Plagas from beneath Salazar castle to return them to him. Saddler quickly injected the village chief, Bitores Mendez – a former priest himself – with Las Plagas, and used him to "cleanse" the other villagers, turning them into puppets under his control.

Ramon was a true believer in the cult's faith, and felt ashamed of the "sin" his kinsmen had committed over the hundreds of years in which they persecuted the cult. In the end, though, there is no question that the true sin was Ramon's: for returning the Plagas back to the cult, and consigning the once-peaceful villagers to a living hell.

T-A.L.O.S. PROJECT

In 1998, Wesker was assigned to the reclamation of the closed Umbrella Management Training Facility, where he learned of the outbreak planned by the revived Marcus. Wesker decided to use the incident to transfer to a rival company. When Umbrella executive Colonel Sergei Vladimir realized that Wesker intended to betray them, he released the creature Ivan, a derivation of the T-103 Tyrant, to destroy him. Wesker caused an explosion in the training facility and slipped away, foiling Sergei's plans.

Sergei decided not to pursue Wesker, opting instead to execute his own classified mission at the Arklay Research Facility. His intention was to recover the T-A.L.O.S. project he had begun there as part of a biological weapons research team, and transfer it to his home country of Russia for completion.

The T-A.L.O.S. project was a plan to augment the T-002 Tyrant, used in the Mansion Incident, into a new generation of biological weapon. The creature, named Talos T-011 after the mythical guardian of Crete, would be controlled by computer and equipped with heavy armor and weapons suitable for taking out tanks and helicopters. Sergei's main priority was the retrieval of this test-type Talos.

While Wesker was using the S.T.A.R.S. team to gather combat data on B.O.W.s, Sergei evacuated all of Umbrella's research data onto the U.M.F.-013 computer, then used the computer's defensive AI, Red Queen, to forbid Wesker access. He then brought Red Queen back with him to Russia to continue Talos development under his strict supervision.

The development itself would take place in a new facility located at an abandoned Soviet-era chemical plant. Umbrella had purchased the facility through a dummy company, then constructed a massive research facility underneath it.

The T-A.L.O.S. Project resumed in this newly-constructed "Umbrella Caucasus Research Facility" as an attempt to earn profits for Umbrella amidst its plummeting stock prices by gaining a foothold in black market B.O.W. sales. Sergei used the samples and data he had recovered from the Arklay Research Facility, and raced towards the project's completion.

Unfortunately for Sergei, these ambitions would come to nothing. They would be crushed once more by the traitor, Wesker.

Wesker had come alone to the Caucasus facility, both to get revenge on Sergei and to further his own goals. Sergei unleashed his bodyguards, the Ivans, but Wesker beat them without breaking a sweat. With no other recourse, Sergei injected himself with the T-Virus, transforming himself into a monster of overwhelming power in a final attempt to crush Wesker.

Wesker, on the other hand, had already given himself superhuman abilities using an improved form of the T-Virus developed by Birkin. The result was an incredible showdown between two superhuman opponents like nothing the world had seen before. When the smoke cleared from the brutal battle, it was Wesker who stood victorious, ending forever Sergei's dreams of reviving Umbrella. It was all in accordance with his philosophy: "The only thing that can defeat power is more power."

Wesker recovered his access to the U.M.F.-013 and stole the Umbrella Archive, a collection of all the data amassed by Umbrella over the years. He then deleted all backups of U.M.F.-013's data, and with his usual air of calm, left the research facility behind.

RED QUEEN

The Red Queen was a defensive AI residing in the Umbrella supercomputer U.M.F.-013. It typically performed its duties deep inside the company's worldwide network, but during emergencies it would take an active role, executing physical or cyber-attacks to protect its systems and data. Its primary defense objectives are:

1. The regulation of Umbrella facilities and financial assets.

2. The protection of Umbrella executives.

The Red Queen was also able to remotely control the prototype Talos Tyrant, thanks to a computer chip implanted in its brain by Umbrella executive Sergei.

U.M.F.-013 was the thirteenth supercomputer in the Raccoon City underground shelter. Its mainframe housed a backup of all of Umbrella's accumulated data, known as the "Umbrella Archive." The data contained in this archive was so extensive that it was said that as long as a backup still existed, the revival of Umbrella was still theoretically possible.

LAS PLAGAS

CHARACTERISTICS OF LAS PLAGAS

"Las Plagas" was the name given to the parasites sealed beneath the Salazar family castle. The first castellan had placed them there for fear that Los Illuminados might abuse them in their vile "missionary work." There they remained for centuries, until they were at last excavated by the eighth castellan, Ramon Salazar. The mature Plagas had fossilized by the time Ramon broke the seal, but the larval Plagas had gone into stasis, preserved in a spore-like form.

After some time passed, the townspeople that participated in the excavation began suffering convulsions, and from there, turned into violent savages. It soon became clear that this behavior was caused by the spores they had inhaled during the excavation, which were now reviving inside their bodies. Las Plagas were finally, truly reborn.

Plagas enter a human body in the egg stage, then grow to maturity while fusing with the central nervous system, which allows them to control the host's actions. If infected with a type of Plaga known as a subordinate Plaga, the host loses its independent will, and can then be controlled by a human infected with another type of Plaga known as a control Plaga. The former remain on alert until receiving a command signal from the latter.

Leon himself described the behavior of these parasite-infected humans in the "Kennedy Report," where he referred to them by the name "Ganados," the Spanish word for "cattle." Humans who have become Ganados do maintain some of their reasoning abilities, and are capable of communicating through speech, and using tools and weapons. They are also capable of group tactics, and individual Ganados maintain the skills they possessed prior to infection.

Las Plagas are social organisms with a communal intelligence similar to ants or bees; an extremely rare trait among parasites. They infect a wide variety of life forms, and their social relationship even maintains over various infected species. The cult took advantage of this to conduct Plaga compatibility experiments with other species to create monsters such as the Novistadors and the U-3.

To learn more about Las Plagas, the cult's researcher, Luis Sera, studied the precedent of other parasites that control their hosts. He discussed three of note: The Dicrocoelium, which as a larva controls the actions of an ant through manipulation of its sub-esophageal ganglion; the Galactosomum, which makes its home in the brain of a fish such as the yellowtail and parrot bass; and the Leucochloridium, which propagates itself through the manipulation of the tentacle of a snail.

BIOTERROR

THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

After the destruction of Raccoon City, towns hundreds of miles away continued to hold yearly memorial services in September to grieve for the victims. Congress continued its investigations into ground zero, but civilians were still not permitted to come near. Time passed, but nothing could quiet the national mourning.

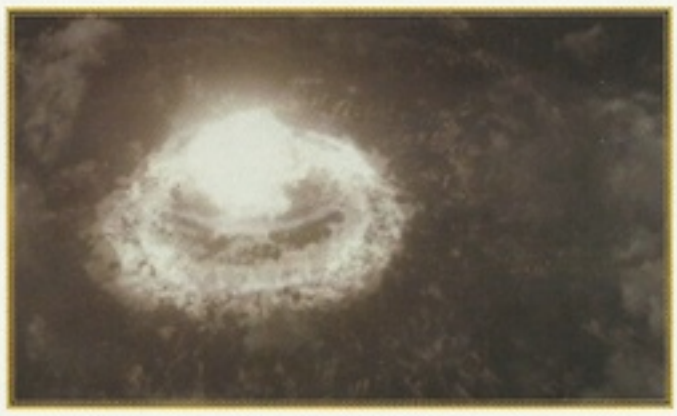
The fall of Umbrella should have ended it. Ironically, it only triggered a greater worldwide catastrophe.

When Umbrella received its suspension of business decree, the company's former employees and researchers compensated by selling viruses and B.O.W.s on the black market. Dictators, guerrillas, terrorists – unsavory elements across the globe bought up Umbrella's demons, and used them to execute their own bioterror attacks.

In order to control the burgeoning threat of bioterror, the world needed people with flexibility and experience in fighting B.O.W.s. The survivors of the Raccoon City tragedy possessed those traits, and many quickly joined the worldwide fight. Among these was Leon S. Kennedy, first caught up in the incident on his first day on the Raccoon City police force.

His superior survival skills in escaping Raccoon City led to his being scouted by the U.S. government, who placed him in the training program for the United States Secret Service, operating directly under the president. As an agent, he was to take on secret missions on the directive of the White House, as well as lend expertise to large-scale military operations dealing with bioterror plots.

Agents acting on the President's order are always provided with an operator, who contacts the agent through a portable terminal and functions as his communications intermediary and support. The operator's presence is also a precaution: in the event that an agent fails in a mission, it is easier to cover up the fact that he was acting under the president's order.



REMOVING LAS PLAGAS

The original Plagas discovered in Europe infect a human while in the egg stage, then control the host through manipulation of its nervous system. While in the egg stage, the Plaga can be purged easily with medicine, but after it hatches, removal becomes far more difficult. An immature Plaga can theoretically be removed with surgery, but the probability of death is extremely high.

A more efficient method is to kill the Plaga with a special kind of radiation sent directly into the body, but this method is not without risk, either. Since the Plaga is connected to the central nervous system, killing it is extremely painful for the host, and there is a chance of impaired consciousness. Moreover, if the Plaga has already reached maturity, the host may die from the treatment. With these matters aside, however, the method is a reliable way of purging Las Plagas from the body, and after the removal the person's will is completely restored with no further side effects.

EVOLVED PLAGAS

Streamlined forms of Plagas have been created through genetic engineering to make more effective weapons. One such form is the Type 2 Plagas, which were developed in secret by Tricell Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

The primary improvement made to Type 2 Plagas is in the time required for the Plaga to take control of the nervous system. Standard Plagas must be injected in the egg stage, and can take hours to reach maturity and take control of the host. Type 2 Plagas, however, are administered to the host while already in a mature state, making the control almost instantaneous.

Type 2 Plagas are forced directly into the mouth of the potential host, where they tear through the esophagus to control first the medula oblongata, then the brain proper and the spinal cord. This process takes less than ten seconds to complete.

After infection by a Type 2 Plaga, the host's intelligence and physical abilities remain roughly the same as they were before infection. They are very similar to standard Plagas in this respect, but differ in one very important way: they are highly aggressive in propagating themselves among new hosts. It is appropriate that the bio-weapon dealers who sell Type 2 Plagas call the humans infected by them "Majini," which means "evil spirit" in Swahili.

Following the final tests of Type 2 Plagas in Africa's Kijuju Autonomous Zone, Tricell created a further improved form of Plaga, hoping to bestow the host with enhanced physical abilities to create the perfect soldier. This new type of Plaga was created by splicing a gene from a dead control Plaga into a subordinate Plaga. They were known as Type 3 Plagas.

The new breed brought with it its own set of challenges. For one, the compatibility was low: There was a 92% adherence rate among grown males – roughly the same as a standard Plaga – but a 0% adherence rate among women and children. Another problem was the change of outward appearance it inspired in the subjects, with some growing to 3 meters in height. This was a far cry from the "side effect-free" super soldiers that they wanted, and they attributed the failure to be the over-dominance of the control Plaga gene.

The tests were not without merit, however, as test subjects did show extreme increases in their jumping ability. The tests were deemed within the realm of acceptability and preparations were made to proceed to the next stage.

OPERATION JAVIER

In 2002, U.S. Agent Leon was sent to a small South American country on a mission. He and his partner, US SOCOM Jack Krauser, had been sent to track down Javier Hidalgo, an infamous drug lord behind the criminal organization the "Sacred Snakes." The two were officially investigating rumors that Javier had been in touch with a former Umbrella researcher, but Leon's greater mission was the president's own Anti-Viral Weapon Protocol 7600: the eradication of all viruses produced by Umbrella. In order to achieve that goal, he had to learn about the channels through which the viruses were being passed.

Leon and Krauser arrived in the village of Mixcoatl to meet with their guide to the mansion, only to discover that the villagers had been turned into zombies by the T-Virus. This confirmed their suspicions that Javier had been buying B.O.W.s on the black market. Even more shocking, Leon soon learned that Javier had injected his daughter Manuela with the T-Veronica Virus developed at Umbrella's Antarctic Base.

Javier had bought the T-Virus back in 1991, after his beloved wife Hilda contracted an endemic disease. He injected her with it, knowing that its chance of succeeding was one in a million. Javier's gamble failed, and rather than curing her of her illness, the virus turned her into a monster.

Ten years later, his daughter Manuela came down with the same disease. The despondent Javier bought a new virus known as T-Veronica from a black market trader, and injected it into his daughter in the hope that it would cure her.

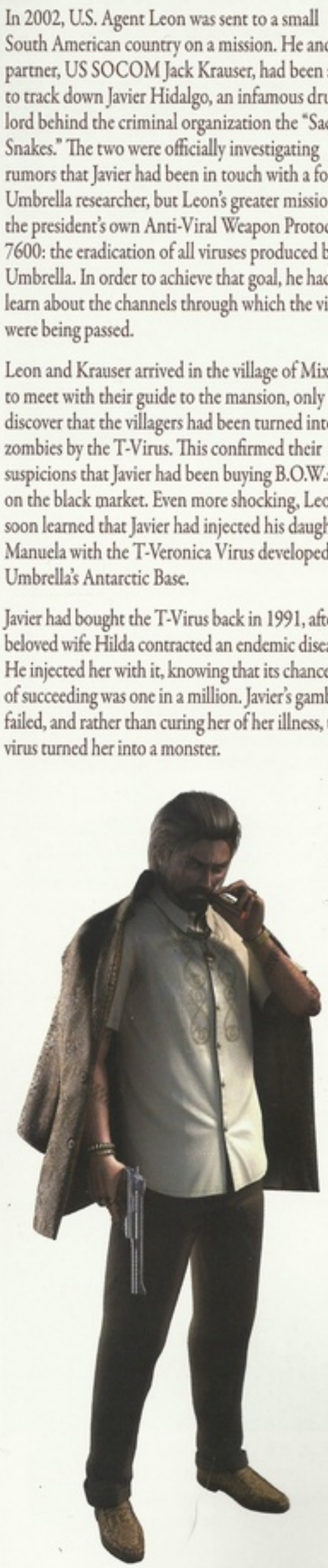
Leon knew all about T-Veronica; he had heard about it from Claire Redfield, who had witnessed it in action in the Antarctic Base. His mind raced. Who could have sold the T-Veronica to Javier? At the least, the timeline made it unlikely the black market dealer was the same Umbrella researcher rumored to be in contact with Javier now...

More importantly, though, was the question of how Manuela had survived the virus unchanged. Leon knew that the injection of the T-Veronica causes an extreme autoimmune response inside the body, resulting in severe brain damage. To circumvent this issue, the virus's developer, Alexia Ashford, concluded that the body's temperature must be cooled to allow the virus to adapt over a fifteen year period. Obviously, this could not have been the case with Manuela; so, how did she survive?

The answer lay with Javier. He had borrowed a hint from prehistoric religions, and performed constant organ transplants on his daughter to keep the T-Veronica at bay. He kidnapped girls from the nearby village to supply the surgeries, killing at least fifty to harvest their organs. When Manuela learned what he had done, she resolved that she didn't want to live if it meant that others had to die.

Javier's mad scheme was fueled by a twisted love for his daughter. He injected himself with the T-Veronica to turn himself into the giant monster, V-Complex, and attempted to devour her so they would never be apart. He lost control of the virus, however, and went berserk instead. Manuela unlocked the power of the T-Veronica and supported Leon and Krauser as they beat her father back. After the battle, the U.S. government took Manuela into custody and placed her under strict supervision. The Sacred Snakes disbanded, and the threat of T-Veronica vanished into the ether.

What Leon didn't know was that the entire sequence of events had been orchestrated by Wesker from the beginning.



WILPHARMA

HARVARDVILLE RESEARCH FACILITY

After the fall of Umbrella in 2003, another company rose to take its place in the pharmaceutical world. That company was WilPharma, headquartered in the Midwest American factory town of Harvardville. The headquarters itself was located in a mountainous region some distance away from the city's residential zones, and housed office buildings alongside an expansive research facility.

The core of the research facility was the Air Dome, which supported its round roof through differences in air pressure between the structure's interior and exterior. At the center of the dome was a large garden meant for the relaxation of the researchers; the labs were set facing this garden. A narrow central elevator extended from the center of the garden to the Air Dome's roof, with hallways branching outward on each floor to convey the researchers to their laboratories and offices.

The viral research laboratories were divided among four levels of the facility, with ascending levels indicating increased danger. Offices and meeting rooms were located on the harmless Level 0.

The laboratory's unique shape was designed with safety in mind, and allowed for the quick isolation of a biohazard outbreak on the premises. In the event of an emergency, the garden block would unlock, and plummet into a deep chasm below. Each subsequent section would then follow, leaving the entire facility and the biohazard itself sealed 300 meters underground.

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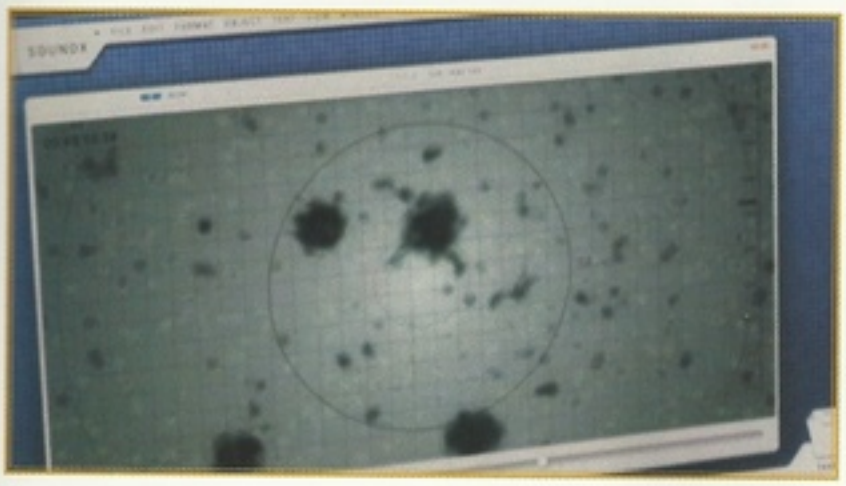
T-VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

In response to the use of the T-Virus in incidents of bioterror, WilPharma embarked on a top-secret project to develop a vaccine to prevent the zombification process. The man at the center of the project was WilPharma's head researcher, Frederic Downing. A former Umbrella researcher himself, and fled Raccoon City with samples of the T-Virus and the G-Virus just before its destruction. He erased his past, but used his knowledge to ensure a position with WilPharma. In other words, it was the intimate knowledge of a T-Virus researcher that made the vaccine's creation possible.



Frederic knew he couldn't sell the virus without the vaccine to accompany it, and had the idea of holding a demonstration in order to prove the vaccine's effectiveness. In 2002, he became a black market dealer, and contacted General Grande, a sponsor of terror operations in India. He sold the T-Virus to Grande, leading immediately to a bioterror incident.

The American government, well aware of the T-Virus's capabilities in the wake of the Raccoon City tragedy, decided to administer WilPharma's in-development t-Vaccine to aid to the Indian authorities. By administering it to neighboring regions, they were able to minimize the spread of the infection.

In this way, WilPharma won the trust of the American Government. They continued clinical trials of the vaccine in India, where labor costs were cheaper and they could guarantee an abundance of human resources. The trials were not without sacrifice, but the U.S. government overlooked this, and the vaccine's development was completed by 2005. After that, it had only to await federal approval.

With the t-Vaccine completed Frederic decided to hold a G-Virus demonstration for General Grande; the site would be WilPharma's own research facility in Harvardville. Frederic underestimated the power of the G-Virus, however, and his own identity ended up being revealed in the aftermath of G's rampage. His own greed was his undoing; he was arrested by the police just on the verge of his escape. WilPharma's stocks, riding high on the news of the t-Vaccine development, plummeted again in light of the incident, and they were soon bought out by the mega-conglomerate, Tricell.

THE THIRD ORGANIZATION

THE SPY

When Leon came to the European village of Pueblo to search for the kidnapped Ashley, he was not the only stranger there. Someone else had come to the village searching for something; her name was Ada Wong.

Ada was a spy. Years prior, she had infiltrated Raccoon City in its final days to steal a sample of the G-Virus from Umbrella's underground research facility. She happened to meet Leon in the course of her mission, feeding him the story that she was a civilian searching for her lover, to cover her real purpose. At first, she used Leon as a means to an end, but eventually found herself charmed by his earnestness, and a bond began to form between them. Ada eventually did find the G-Virus sample, but ended up taking a mortal blow to protect Leon. On the verge of death, she was saved by Wesker.

Six years later, Wesker invited Ada to join the "Third Organization," from which she began her covert operations once more under his orders. This time, her objective was to obtain a sample of a "Control Plaga." Ada intercepted an email sent from cult researcher Luis to an old college friend, and learned that he was looking for a way out of the cult.

Ada offered Luis protection in exchange for the sample, and Luis agreed. In the course of her attempt to rendezvous with him, however, Ada caught sight of Leon, who was there on his own investigation. Seeing him there caused Ada to deviate from her mission, earning her severe rebuke from Wesker. He ordered her to kill Leon, encouraging her to "eliminate the distraction."

Ada's plans were thrown wildly off course when Luis was killed by Saddler, and the sample passed back into the hands of the cult. The situation soon became more chaotic, with the man Jack Krauser playing the Los Illuminados and the Third Organization off each other to his own purposes.

Krauser was looking for a way to break free of the limits of the human body and become the ultimate warrior. His ambition had begun in 2002, when his left arm was badly injured during Operation Javier, which he participated in with Leon. It was then, too, that he witnessed the power Umbrella's viruses had to offer. Following the incident, he faked his own death and got in contact with Wesker, but his joining the Third Organization was merely a stepping stone in the realization of this ambition.

Ada used the confusion to her advantage, turning her back on Wesker's orders and working to achieve her own goals. Sometimes manipulating Leon, sometimes supporting him... it was just like their time together in Raccoon City six years earlier. She defeated Krauser, who was ordered by Wesker to kill Leon, then went after high priest Saddler to obtain the control Plaga. Saddler activated the control Plaga inside himself and transformed, but he was no match for the perfect team of Leon and Ada.

After Saddler's defeat, Ada stole the control Plaga sample from Leon, promising she would "take good care of it." She then left the island before it blew up. Leon also managed to escape the island, with Ashley in tow.

Ada betrayed the Third Organization, however, and left Wesker with a mere subordinate Plaga sample. She had been a double-agent all along, acting under another organization's orders while only pretending to serve Wesker. It was this other organization to which she gave the real control Plaga sample.

Wesker was disappointed – if not entirely shocked – by Ada's betrayal. In the end, he obtained a control Plaga sample through other means, then started researching it in the name of his own ends.

POLITICAL COLLUSION

WilPharma's move to Harvardville was largely at the behest of Ron Davis, a local senator who had long been in bed with the company. He served as a special adviser to WilPharma and was one of their biggest stockholders, which caused him to be accused often in the media of suspected insider trading.

Davis's connection to WilPharma was something much deeper, though: They were connected by the T-Virus. In 1998, Davis was one of the members of the Senate special committee that proposed the plan to sterilize Raccoon City, and he voted in its favor to help cover up evidence of collusion between Umbrella and the government. With Umbrella dissolved, WilPharma took their place at the top of the pharmaceutical world, and Davis immediately transferred his loyalties to them. He encouraged the government to approve the illegal clinical trials in India, viewing the situation as a "necessary evil."

TERRA-SAVE

Senator Davis was able to gain approval for the WilPharma research laboratory in Harvardville, spinning the idea as a stimulus plan to the locals, and using his powerful influence in Washington to get it passed.

While everything seemed to be going Davis's way, however, there was one voice speaking out against the move. That voice came from the NGO Terra-Save, a non-profit organization that sought to aid victims of bioterror and unlawful pharmaceutical testing. They counted among their members Claire Redfield, who had lived through the terror at Rockfort Island in 1998.

Terra-Save's activities mainly took the form of demonstrations and protests published on their home page, but when the move to Harvardville was formalized in 2002, one member of Terra-Save mounted an aggressive information campaign against WilPharma. He was soon arrested for obstruction of business practices and extortion. It caused a major scandal for the group, who immediately cut ties with the man.

The man was a doctor named Curtis Miller, who began his campaign against pharmaceutical companies and the government after losing his wife and child in Raccoon City. After he was expelled from Terra-Save, WilPharma continued their business undisturbed, and within three years their facility was complete.

Terra-Save continued its protest nevertheless, and began publishing photos of WilPharma's clinical trials in India on their home page. They warned that if the American Government did not immediately begin investigations into WilPharma's activities, they would sue them in International Criminal Court. WilPharma's stock took a nosedive in the face of the accusations, and the government began to hesitate about approving the t-Vaccine. As a compromise, WilPharma donated their supplies of the T-Vaccine to the Strategic National Stockpile.

Senator Davis attempted to deflect criticism by focusing on the opening of the National Pharmaceutical Conference in Harvardville. When he arrived in the airport to attend the conference, however, a letter of responsibility arrived from an anonymous terrorist, addressed to the American government. The letter demanded that the President himself make public the truth behind the destruction of Raccoon City. If that demand was not met, the terrorist would unleash the T-Virus at sites all around America.

The government took the threat seriously, and the President sent his most trusted man, Agent Leon S. Kennedy, to mount an investigation. With the threat of bioterror getting worse, Leon worked with Claire, who happened to be in the area for the protest, and together they mounted an investigation, eventually singling out Curtis Miller as the man responsible for the terrorist strike.

TRICELL

THE ORIGINS OF TRICELL

Tricell is a corporate conglomerate made up of three divisions: shipping, natural resource development, and pharmaceuticals. The company's roots were in the Age of Exploration, when a wealthy European merchant, Thomas Travis, founded the overseas shipping company known as Travis Trading. The company earned massive profits by trading in Asia. This business eventually became the basis for the company's modern shipping division.

In the middle of the 19th century, Travis Trading began exploiting the natural resources of Africa, using the discoveries recorded in the Survey of Natural History by the seventh and youngest son of the Travis Family, Henry Travis. They mined rare minerals, oil, and natural gas in various places throughout the continent. This industry became the basis for their natural resource development division.

Toward the middle of the 20th century, Travis Trading began earnestly harvesting plants, animals, bugs, and other life forms from Africa, once again based on the information found in the Survey of Natural History. From this they formed a burgeoning medicinal industry, which grew to become their pharmaceutical division in the modern day.

These three main divisions were finalized in the 1960s, and it was then that Travis Trading changed its name to "Tricell." The name reflected their status as a major worldwide corporation, combining the resources and profits of its three independent entities.

Tricell joined the Global Pharmaceutical Consortium, and invested enough money into the founding of the BSAA to earn a seat on its board of directors. Tricell's pharmaceutical branch became a major contributor to the modern BSAA, and wields considerable pressure over the organization's headquarters.

THE BUSINESS OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS

Tricell's Ricardo Irving lived a public life as director of the the natural resource development division's oil fields in Africa, and a private life as a black market B.O.W. merchant. He used Africa as the staging grounds for B.O.W. demonstrations, which doubled as practical use experiments, and thus was one of the few people who knew the full extent of Tricell's biological weapon business.

The massive profits he made in his black market deals were used to fund further biological weapons development within the African Branch. It is thought that Irving was registered with the natural resources development division rather than the pharmaceuticals to hide his connection to Tricell from the BSAA.

In 2009, just before Irving began circulating the improved Type 2 and Type 3 Plagas on the black market, he held a new demonstration of the product's suitability. He administered the new Type 3 Plagas to the native people of the marshlands around his oil field, the Ndipaya Tribe, telling them it was a simple inoculation against a local illness. The women and children immediately died, while the men lost their reason, became stronger and more aggressive, and over time, transformed into monsters.

The Type 2 Plagas were also tested in the Kijuju Autonomous Zone on three data points: infection rate, control, and fighting potential. Irving began the experiment with primary injections to ten test subjects, then monitored the rate of transmission from there. The subjects were observed to see how well their aggression could be controlled, and what their combat potential was like. The BSAA's deployment was convenient for Irving: he merely used them as combat test data for the Type 2 Plagas.

At the time, the BSAA's decision to invade the Kijuju Autonomous Zone was based on information Chris had acquired about a black market trade. As far as they knew, their mission was to arrest a smuggler. They weren't expecting to face B.O.W.s, and so the unit only came equipped with standard weaponry. The first victims of the creatures were the point unit Alpha Team, who were driven deep into the city by infected villagers, and slaughtered. Their deaths only made the back-up Bravo and Delta Teams fight harder, though, and in the end, they gave Irving a bit more "combat data" than he could handle.

UROBOROS VIRUS

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UROBOROS VIRUS

Excella Gionne was managing director of Tricell's African Branch. She was a genius, blessed with the business acumen that came of being born to a great trading family, and breezed through college with a major in genetic engineering. Her sharp intellect earned her entry into Tricell's pharmaceutical division at the age of 18, where her incredible talents got her noticed by Wesker.

Wesker contacted Excella and offered her the data he had stolen from Umbrella – regarding the T-Virus, the G-Virus, and the T-Veronica – which she then exploited to create better product for Tricell. Excella's contributions greatly accelerated Tricell's B.O.W. development, and the pharmaceutical division's biological weapons industry soon began to flourish. Excella made a name for herself in the company, and was instated as director of its African branch at the young age of 20.

It was clear that Wesker gave Excella the data in the hope that he might use Tricell to perfect the Uroboros Virus he was developing. First, he used Excella's influence to reopen Umbrella's Africa Research Center for the study of the Progenitor Virus. Excella was attracted to Wesker, and happily did everything he wanted. She even used Irving's black market B.O.W. sales to fund his research.

The first form of the Uroboros Virus derived from the Progenitor Flowers was far too toxic to be usable. As a result, development proceeded slower than expected, but in 2006, changes observed in "Test Subject 1" marked a breakthrough for the experiment. Powerful antibodies in the subject's body proved themselves capable of weakening the problematic toxicity of the virus. These antibodies were created as a result of an earlier T-Virus infection in the subject, which had lingered in the body in an altered state for years after being all but destroyed with a vaccine.

The true identity of Test Subject 1 was former S.T.A.R.S. member Jill Valentine. She was thought to have died during the 2006 mission to arrest Spencer, but was instead saved by Wesker, who put her in cryostasis to use her as a test subject in his experiments. The fact that her body produced pure viral antibodies perfectly designed to weaken the Uroboros Virus was nothing short of miraculous.

Wesker was delighted to be one step closer to the realization of his ideals. Now, all he had to do was execute the final stages of the "Uroboros Plan." The first step, of course, was to dispose of Excella by injecting her with the Uroboros Virus.

PROPERTIES OF THE UROBOROS VIRUS

The Uroboros Virus is the perfect virus, free of the issues – excessive mutation, loss of mental faculties, instability – that plagued its predecessors. Upon injection, the virus evaluates the subject's genes. If the subject is compatible, it bestows them with superhuman abilities completely under the subject's control. If they are not compatible, however, the Uroboros Virus will take over, turning the subject quickly into a brainless, violent mass of hungry black tentacles.

When out of control, the Uroboros Virus seeks to consume all organic material in the area to propagate itself, including the original injected organism. Undergoing a continuing cycle of death and renewal, it indiscriminately attacks any organic matter within its reach.

The out-of-control virus's bizarre form is due to the black leech-like viral cysts that characterize the virus. These cysts form on organs inside the body, then violently eject outwards through the skin. The cysts each bear their own primal intelligence, and are capable of sensing and consuming organic matter around them in order to propagate. Individual viral cysts are easy to kill, but the core cluster will persistently continue to feed and grow until it is killed.

Due to these properties of the virus, great care was taken to regulate the amount of injection based on the subject's mass: a 60kg person was administered 1 bottle; a 40-60kg person, 2/3 bottle; etc. Even a slight error in the dosage would result in a high probability of the subject's death. Even a proper dosage would cause severe symptoms such as excessive sweating, heavy breathing, and disorientation in the early stages.

Disposal of an Uroboros cluster is difficult. A high-temperature flame is required to damage it, as standard weaponry proves ineffective. However, this only works in the case of clusters below a certain size. In the case that he encountered a supermassive cluster, Wesker prepared an attack satellite capable of firing a high-powered laser down to Earth. The satellite, Shango, received targeting input from a rocket launcher-like transmission device known as an L.T.D., accurate to within a few dozen centimeters. The satellite required time to charge between shots, meaning that its user needed to keep the scope fixed on the target until it was time to fire.

PERFORMANCE ENHANCER P30

P30 was an ancillary chemical discovered during research into the Progenitor Virus. It renders the subject highly susceptible to control while also bestowing them with superhuman abilities. Though fully aware, the subject has their will completely subsumed, forcing them to act as a loyal soldier. A sharpening of the nerves combined with increased muscle tissue grants the subject incredible reflexes and also makes them capable of spectacular feats, such as running up walls.

The subject's compulsion to follow orders resembles that of a person infected with a subordinate Plaga, but has two major shortcomings. For one, it only remains in effect for a short time after being administered, which makes it unsuitable for the creation of an eternally loyal soldier. In addition, while a Plaga is almost impossible to remove once the parasite has reached maturity, P30 metabolizes quickly and can be flushed from the system with almost no aftereffects.

Wesker decided to use Jill as a test subject for P30, and attached a device to her chest to administer a near-constant dose of the chemical. His plan was to see how long it could be administered without adverse side effects to the body, and how long the mental control could be sustained. The device was eventually removed by Chris, however, and the experiment ended before useful data could be obtained.

WESKER

A NEW BREED OF HUMANITY

"The strong should lead the weak" – That was the personal motto of Umbrella's chief executive, Ozwell E. Spencer. His sense of elitism only grew stronger after his discovery of the Progenitor Virus, and he mercilessly slaughtered all of his allies to further expand his control over it.

Spencer's dream was to evolve humanity using viruses, to close the door on the breed of Homo sapiens that had persisted for 200,000 years, and usher in a new era. Any sacrifice was acceptable to achieve that ultimate ideal, whether it be one life or one hundred thousand. Everything he had done – creating Umbrella, developing B.O.W.s – was nothing more than a cover for his true aim, the ongoing research of the Progenitor Virus. The wealth and power he achieved as Umbrella's founder ultimately meant nothing to him.

With his plans to become the creator of a new breed of humanity, Spencer began to fancy himself a god. Despite all his pretensions to the idea, however, he could not stop the toll of age on his body. The idea of dying before his lofty ideals could be realized was anathema to him, and he began searching for a key to eternal life. He entrusted this task to a man named Alex: one of Spencer's "children" created in the Wesker Plan.

THE WESKER PLAN

Spencer realized that his ideal world would need ideal minds to populate it. After all, the Progenitor Virus would give his new breed of humanity superhuman strength and intelligence, and it would not do to have them acting in defiance of their "god." To this end, Spencer began a new project with an eye towards creating a superior breed of human stock suitable to inhabiting it. This was known as the "Wesker Plan."

The project was named after its head researcher, a man named Wesker, who gathered hundreds of children born to brilliant parents all over the world. These children were encouraged to reach the pinnacle of their physical and mental potential, thoroughly indoctrinated, then released back into the world. The subjects were all given the surname Wesker, and in time, were each injected with an experimental virus that would bring out their true superior capabilities. In truth, most of them proved incompatible with the virus and died, but there were a trace few survivors. Among these were #12 Alex, and #13 Albert.

Alex joined up with Umbrella, where he was employed by his "father" to search for a cure for the ravages of age. Spencer praised Alex's superior intelligence and leadership, and gave him all the money, resources, research materials, and test subjects he needed. In the end, though, his attempts yielded nothing.

"The other Wesker," Albert, also joined Umbrella as a researcher, and Spencer thought him even more suitable as a leader of his new race of humanity than Alex. It was his unrelenting ambition that set him apart. He acquired his superhuman powers during the occasion of the Mansion Incident, and began thinking himself to be the god of the next generation to come. It was not until he learned the truth about Spencer and his own origins, however, that he could finally free himself from the shackles imposed upon him by the Wesker Plan.

Albert killed Spencer without hesitation. Then, he took the old man's ambition – "The right to be a god" – for himself.

With Spencer out of the way, Albert brought his Uroboros Project to its final stage. All that was left was to load up a bomber with Uroboros Missiles and release them into the tropopause. The virus would be carried on the prevailing winds, and spread throughout the world. Humanity would receive the Uroboros Virus's judgment: those with inferior genes would become host to the raging Uroboros, and only the strong would survive.

TIMELINE

19th Century	(Unknown)	The European merchant trading company "Travis Trading" begins its exploitation of the mineral resources of Africa.
20th Century	(Unknown)	Travis Trading begins taking samples of African flora and fauna for use in its pharmaceutical research.
1960s	(Unknown)	Engineer Michael Warren begins the electrification of Raccoon City.
		Travis Trading is renamed "Tricell."
		The fifth head of the Ashford family, Edward Ashford, begins his research into what would later become known as the Progenitor Virus.
1962	(Unknown)	Ozwell E. Spencer enlists architect George Trevor to design and construct a reclusive mansion on the outskirts of Raccoon City.
1966	(December)	Spencer, along with James Marcus, Edward Ashford, and head researcher Brandon Bailey, extract the Progenitor Virus from the "Stairway to the Sun," a flower discovered beneath African ruins. This virus has the ability to reconstitute a living organism's genes.
		They bring this flower back to America. Marcus and Bailey attempt to cultivate it.
1967	(March)	The Progenitor Flower fails to cultivate outside of its native habitat.
		Spencer proceeds with plans to establish a company.
	(November)	The construction of the mansion and lab facilities in the Arklay Mountains is completed.
1968	(Unknown)	Construction of Raccoon City's public transit trolleys begins in Europe. They are quickly put into use within the city.
		Spencer founds the pharmaceutical company Umbrella with Marcus and Edward Ashford. The company is established to mask their biological research.
	(July)	Edward Ashford contracts the Progenitor Virus and dies. His son, Alexander Ashford, succeeds him as head of the Ashford family.
	(August)	In Africa, Umbrella takes control of the ruins that constitute the Progenitor Flower's natural habitat, wresting it from the native Ndipaya Tribe. Work begins on the Umbrella Africa Research Center.
		The Umbrella Management Training Facility is established in the Arklay Mountains with Marcus appointed as director.
1969	(February)	Alexander Ashford begins to design a facility in Antarctica. He secretly makes plans to build an underground laboratory for the purpose of the "Code: Veronica" project.
	(June)	The Umbrella Africa Research Center is completed with Bailey appointed as director.
	(November)	Umbrella's Antarctic Base and research facilities are completed.
1971	(Unknown)	The "Code: Veronica" project is successful. The twins Alfred and Alexia Ashford are born.
1977	(Unknown)	Albert Wesker and William Birkin join the Training Facility as prospective managers.
	(December)	Five cases of the Progenitor Virus are sent to Marcus from the Africa Research Center.
1978	(January)	Marcus successfully develops the T-Virus.
	(July)	The closure of the Training Facility is finalized. Wesker and Birkin transfer their T-Virus research to the Arklay Research Facility; Marcus continues his own research in the closed-down Training Facility.
1980s	(Unknown)	The Africa Research Center successfully cultivates the Progenitor Virus. The virus can only be created in Africa under strict supervision.
1981	(July)	Although only ten years old, Alexia Ashford graduates at the top of her class from a prestigious university.
1982	(March)	Alexia injects her father, Alexander, with the T-Veronica Virus, but the experiment ends in failure. His absence is reported as a mysterious disappearance.
1983	(December)	Wesker researches secondary exposure to the T-Virus. He begins to have reservations about Spencer's plans.
		Alexia injects herself with the T-Veronica Virus and enters a fifteen-year cryogenic sleep. To maintain the secrecy of this plan, it is reported that she died of accidental exposure to the virus.
1987	(Unknown)	Michael Warren becomes mayor of Raccoon City.
1988	(Unknown)	Wesker, under orders from Spencer, assassinates Marcus. Under Birkin's guidance, the T-Virus program begins development of the B.O.W. Tyrant.
		Umbrella begins work on the "Nemesis" project at its sixth European research facility.
1991	(Unknown)	Umbrella begins construction of an expansive underground laboratory beneath Raccoon City.
		Spencer approves Birkin's G-Virus project and work begins on it.
		Wesker is transferred to the Information Department.
	(February)	South American drug lord Javier Hidalgo receives the T-Virus from Umbrella. He attempts to uses it to cure his wife Hilda's endemic disease, but the virus turns her into a monster instead. Javier tells others that Hilda has died.
	(December)	The Soviet Union falls.
		Sergei Vladimir contacts Umbrella. Because his genetic make-up makes him capable of becoming a Tyrant, he submits ten clones of himself to Umbrella. In exchange, he is made an executive within the company.
1993	(Unknown)	Clandestine meetings begin between Umbrella and Raccoon City's chief of police, Brian Irons.
		Birkin transfers to the underground lab in Raccoon City.
	(December)	Alfred Ashford graduates from a university in England, and becomes director of the Antarctic facility. He rises up the ranks to eventually become an executive of Umbrella, and then director of Rockfort Island.
		A training facility for anti-B.O.W. squad members is completed.
1994	(Unknown)	John from the Chicago lab takes over for Birkin at the Arklay Research Facility.
		Alfred builds a private mansion and prison on Rockfort Island.
1996	(Unknown)	Raccoon City Police Department's S.T.A.R.S. team is founded with Wesker as Captain.
		HUNK (later of the Umbrella Special Forces) undergoes combat training at Rockfort Island.
1998	(May)	There is a large-scale viral leak at the Arklay mansion. The research lab there is destroyed.
		A mysterious clone of Marcus's appears at the Umbrella Management Training Facility.
		Cerberus claims its first victim: a 20-year-old woman whose body is found dismembered.
	(July)	There is an increase in reports of accidents and missing persons in the Arklay Mountains. The city sends the S.T.A.R.S. Bravo Team to investigate.
		Two groups are sent to investigate the Training Facility. The first one is wiped out by B.O.W.s located on the premises.
		Bravo Team's helicopter experiences engine trouble for unknown reasons and is forced to put down in the Arklay Mountains. The team takes the Ecliptic Express to investigate the Training Facility, which is later destroyed. (*Resident Evil 0)
		Alpha Team is sent out to search for Bravo Team when communication is lost, leading to the "Mansion Incident." (*Resident Evil)
		Bravo Team leader Enrico Marini learns Wesker's true identity. Wesker murders Enrico.
		Sergei activates the Red Queen AI and evacuates all research data into the supercomputer U.M.F.-013, located in the Raccoon City underground facility. During this time, Red Queen cuts off Wesker's access to U.M.F.-013.
		Ravaged by the virus, the mansion and the lab are destroyed. Four members of Alpha Team and one member of Bravo Team escape the catastrophe. Wesker escapes the Arklay Research Facility before it is destroyed.
	(August)	Former S.T.A.R.S. member Chris Redfield learns of the G-Virus and heads to Europe to investigate Umbrella.
	(September)	Birkin completes his work on the G-Virus.
		The T-Virus spreads throughout Raccoon City via infected mice. The city is declared a biohazard as incidents of "cannibalism" continue to rise.
		The police station is destroyed, and Chief Irons descends into mania. Warren escapes the city but leaves his daughter behind.
		U.B.C.S. (Umbrella Biohazard Countermeasure Service) arrives in the city to begin rescue operations.
		Jill Valentine, who is conducting an investigation in Raccoon City, begins trying to escape the city. (*Resident Evil 3: Nemesis)
		Rookie police officer Leon S. Kennedy arrives in the city at the same time as Claire Redfield.(*Resident Evil 2)
		Umbrella deploys the B.O.W. Nemesis T-Type into the city, and it begins its hunt for former S.T.A.R.S. member Jill Valentine.
		Umbrella deploys mass-produced Tyrants into the city.
		Leon and Claire escape the city with William and Annette Birkin's daughter, Sherry. With the arrival of the U.S. military, the city is placed under martial law.
		U.B.C.S. survivors are exploited by Umbrella's official observer of the situation, Nicholai Ginovaef, and they die off one by one.
		Ada Wong and HUNK each acquire samples of the G-Virus.
		The underground lab in Raccoon City is destroyed.
	(October)	Sergei recovers the the Umbrella supercomputer U.M.F.-013 from Raccoon City
		Jill and U.B.C.S. member Carlos Oliveira escape Raccoon City
		The U.S. government decides to eliminate the virus threat by destroying Raccoon City with a missile strike.
		The U.S. government secures Leon and Sherry. A member of the U.S. Intelligence Department contacts Leon and recruits him for the secret service.
		The U.S. government issues an indefinite suspension of business decree to Umbrella. Umbrella files a lawsuit against the U.S. Government in protest.
	(November)	Spencer decides to close the Umbrella Africa Research Center.

1998	(December)	Claire infiltrates the Paris laboratory, only to be captured and imprisoned on Rockfort Island. (*Resident Evil: Code Veronica)
		Wesker attacks the island with his own private force and releases the T-Virus onto the island.
		Claire escapes from the prison and sends an e-mail to Leon asking for help. Her location is made known to Chris.
		Jill escapes Raccoon City and goes to Chris's apartment, but he has already left for Rockfort Island
		Chris arrives at Rockfort Island and finds Wesker. Alfred Ashford escapes the island.
		Alexia Ashford wakes up from her cryogenic sleep at the Antarctic Base. Alfred dies shrotly after.
		Claire and Chris are reunited at the Antarctic Base, and together they defeat Alexia.
		They escape before the base is destroyed.
2001	(Unknown)	Wesker gets in contact with Javier.
		Javier attempts to cure his daughter Manuela, who has contracted the same endemic illness as his wife, using the Veronica Virus.
2002	(Unknown)	The missing girl incidents begin in South America
		On order of the U.S. government, secret agent Leon and U.S. SOCOM Jack Krauser deploy to South America on a mission to capture Javier. (*Resident Evil: The Darkside Chronicles)
		Leon and Krauser meet Manuela and head for Javier's mansion, where they find the bodies of the missing girls.
		Javier fuses with the Veronica plant. Leon and Krauser destroy him and leave Javier's mansion with Manuela by helicopter. Manuela is taken in by the U.S. government.
		Krauser leaves the army and disappears. He contacts Wesker and joins his organization.
2003	(February)	The Russian government receives word of the development of new B.O.W., and funds a mission to destroy the Umbrella Russia Caucasus Facility. (*Resident Evil: The Umbrella Chronicles)
		Chris and Jill take part in the mission. They are successful in destroying the new B.O.W., codenamed T-A.L.O.S.
		Wesker enters the Russia facility to acquire the U.M.E.-013 supercomputer. Sergei turns into a monster to stop Wesker, but is defeated.
		Wesker retrieves all remaining research data from U.M.E.-013, and formats the Red Queen AI.
		Data on Umbrella is submitted to the court from a mysterious source. Umbrella is declared liable and its true fall begins.
		Wesker meets Excella Gionne, an executive with pharmaceutical conglomerate Tricell. Using the data provided by Wesker, Tricell begins B.O.W. development, and Excella advances within the company.
		The Global Pharmaceutical Consortium (of which Tricell is a member) establishes the anti-bioterror unit BSAA.
2004	(Unknown)	Luis Sera, a researcher with the Los Illuminados cult, sends an email to a friend asking for help. Ada intercepts the email and uses Luis to obtain information on Las Plagas.
		Luis obtains a sample of a control Plaga and tries to escape the cult.
		Wesker sends Krauser to infiltrate Los Illuminados and obtain a control Plaga.
	(Autumn)	Krauser kidnaps the U.S. president's daughter, Ashley Graham.
		Leon S. Kennedy travels to Europe in ordered to find Ashley. (*Resident Evil 4)
		Wesker dispatches Ada to act separately from Krauser to obtain the control Plaga.
		Luis is killed by cult leader Osmund Saddler.
		Leon defeats local castellan Ramon Salazar who has fused with a mother Plaga.
		Ada defeats Krauser.
		Leon defeats Saddler.
		Ada steals the control Plaga sample from Leon, and escapes the cult's island facility.
		Leon rescues Ashley. They escape using a jet ski just before the island is destroyed.
2005	(August)	The non-government organization Terra-Save begins to call for publication of human tests carried out in India by pharmaceutical company WilPharma.
	(November)	Demonstrations are held against Senator Ron Davis for sponsoring a WilPharma research facility in Harvardville.
		Terra-Save participant Claire Redfield arrives in Harvardville Airport (*Resident Evil Degeneration)
		Former Terra-Save member Curtis Miller starts a bioterror incident in Harvardville airport, in accordance with the plans of WilPharma head researcher Frederic Downing.
		Secret agent Leon S. Kennedy arrives in Harvardville on orders from the White House. He takes Angela Miller and Greg Glenn of the local police department's special response team into the airport to look for survivors.
		Leon and Claire meet in the airport.
		Greg contracts the virus and dies.
		USAMRIID determines the virus used in the terrorist incident. The government administers WilPharma's T-Vaccine, but the transport trucks carrying it are blown up by the terrorists.
		Claire learns that there is a G-Virus sample in WilPharma's Air Dome facility, and informs Leon of it.
		Curtis infiltrates the Air Dome and steals the G-Virus.
		Frederic blows up the Air Dome. The heavily wounded Curtis injects himself with the G-Virus.
		The Air Dome systems detect the biohazard and begin a self-destruct sequence.
		Leon, Angela, and Claire work together to destroy G-Creature Curtis, and make their escape from the Air Dome. They arrest Frederic at the G-Virus transaction point.
		Tricell acquires WilPharma.
		Senator Davis dies under mysterious circumstances.
		Tricell workers recover Curtis's body.
2006	(August)	Chris and Jill infiltrate Spencer's estate to arrest him, but Spencer has already been killed by Wesker. (*Resident Evil: Lost in Nightmares)
		Chris and Jill face off with Wesker. Jill pulls Wesker off a cliff to end the battle and save Chris.
		Wesker returns to his home base with Jill. He puts her in cryostasis to use as a test subject for the Uroboros Virus.
		The following information comes to light based on information discovered in Spencer's estate:
		Spencer tasked someone named "Alex" to conduct new viral research to win him an immortal body. He provided him with hundreds of test subjects and an isolated research facility in the South Seas.
		Spencer received a call from Alex asking for more test subjects.
		Spencer received confirmation from Alex that the virus testing was a success.
		Alex subsequently disappeared with all of the information related to the experiments.
		Spencer ordered his family butler Patrick to continue human testing on the estate.
		Spencer also ordered Patrick to reveal his location to Albert Wesker. Patrick used Ricardo Irving for this purpose.
		Subsequently, Spencer released Patrick from duty.
		Spencer's location reached Wesker via the informant
	(November)	The BSAA ends its search for Jill's body and declares her officially dead. A memorial gravestone is erected.
2009	(Unknown)	The Uroboros Project begins. All Tricell researchers who worked on the project and all documents related to its development are eliminated.
		Ricardo Irving, of Tricell's resource development branch, releases Type 2 Plagas into the Kijuju Autonomous Zone. The locals are turned into Majini.
	(March)	The BSAA West African branch dispatches Alpha Team, led by Dan DeChant, into the Kijuju Autonomous Zone to arrest Irving.
		Receiving information about Jill's involvement, Chris volunteers to support the operation.
		Chris meets up with local BSAA agent Sheva Alomar in the Kijuju Autonomous Zone. They begin carrying out their actions as Bravo Team. (*Resident Evil 5)
		Alpha Team is attacked by a test subject injected with the Uroboros Virus and is wiped out.
		BSAA secret agent Reynard Fisher, working undercover in the Kijuju Autonomous Zone, is executed by Majini-turned townspeople.
		Delta Team, led by Josh Stone, meets up with with Chris and Sheva.
		The Delta Team is attacked by the Ndesu, and the entire team except Josh is destroyed.
		Irving injects himself with a strain of Las Plagas, and Chris and Sheva defeat him.
		Chris and Sheva discover the ancient ruins where Umbrella is cultivating the "Progenitor Flower."
		Chris runs into Wesker, who has Jill under his control. After the battle, Jill regains her independent mind.
		Excella is turned into an Uroboros. Chris and Sheva defeat her with the satellite laser.
		Jill and Josh leave the Tricell facility via helicopter and go to save Chris and Sheva. (*Resident Evil: Desperate Escape)
		Chris and Sheva beat Wesker and stop the missiles carrying the Uroboros Virus.
		Chris, Sheva, Jill, and Josh escape via rescue helicopter.

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Nothing is over. Once again, the world's attention has been drawn to the horrific experiments of the Umbrella Corporation. More proof has surfaced that links one of the world's top companies to disturbing events, biological experimentation, and secret testing on humans and animals.

Additional data has been discovered that expands the investigation into the Umbrella Corporation. It is feared that perhaps this is just the beginning; that somewhere in this archival data is an answer.

Regardless, the truth can be revealed and the victims' stories told.

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